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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Douglas James Allen et al. )

For: 2-Methyl-Thieno-Benzodiazepine Formulation )

Docket No.: X-11666C )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following preliminary amendments to the claims and specification, which are attached hereto, is respectfully requested. An Information Disclosure Statement is included herewith.

**REMARKS**

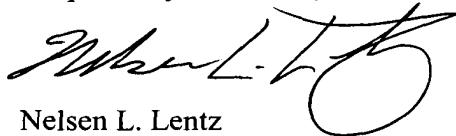
The cross reference in the specification has been amended to indicate that this application is a continuation application of United States Application Serial No. 10/136,887, filed May 1, 2002 which is a continuation application of United States Application Serial No. 09/509,757, filed March 29, 2000 which is a 371 of PCT/US98/20426 filed September 30, 1998 which claims priority to United States Provisional Application Number 60/060,493 filed September 30, 1997. Applicants wish to point out that United States Application Serial No. 10/136,887, filed May 1, 2002, has been allowed.

In addition, the claims have been amended as set forth in the attachment herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. In particular, claims 2, 8, 9, 18-20, and 25-33 have been

cancelled. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found, for example, in original claim 2, and on page 3, lines 19-20. Support for the amendment to claim 4 can be found on page 33, lines 13-16 and page 34, line 32. Support for the amendments to claims 5 and 17 can be found on page 33, lines 13-16. Claim 21 was amended so as to depend upon a noncancelled claim. Support for new claim 34 can be found, for example, on page 2, lines 25-27 and page 3, lines 19-20. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendments submitted herewith introduces no new matter to the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 3-7, 10-17, 21-24, and 34 are in condition for examination. An early allowance of claims 1, 3-7, 10-17, 21-24, and 34 is kindly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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